

Remarks

Claims 1-14 are pending in the Application.

Claims 3 – 11 and 14 are amended herein.

I. AMENDED CLAIMS

Claims 3-11 and 14 are amended only to overcome multiple dependencies. No new matter is introduced as a result of such amending.

II. CONCLUSION

Applicant does not believe that any further fees are due at this time. However, the Director is authorized to debit any amounts due by this paper, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-2426 of Winstead Sechrest & Minick P.C. (referencing matter 11321-P079WOUS).

Applicants respectfully request that Applicant's attorney/agent be called at the below listed number if it is believed that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any problems or questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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